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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. VEST VISIT. GEORGE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS VISIT TO ROMANIA, AS WE KNEW/HOPED HE WOULD BE. HE WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY'S CAPABLE HANDLING OF HIS PROGRAM AND RATHER IMPRESSED BY SOME OF HIS ROMANIAN HOSTS, PARTICULARLY RADULESCU, OPREA, AND ANDREI.

2. ROSINGER ET AL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF OTHERS AMNESTIED ALONG WITH ROSINGER AND ANY FURTHER DETAILS YOU MAY HAVE IN NEAR FUTURE. JACOB BIRNBAUM IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AND SAYS INFORMATION MAY AFFECT HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE RIBICOFF SUMCOMMITTEE. FYI BIRNBAUM TOLD INTS HE IS LAUNCHING A "MASSIVE CAMPAIGN" TO GET ISRAELIS TO CHANGE THEIR TACTICS IN DEALING WITH ROMANIANS ON EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL, ALONG LINES WE HAVE
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SUGGESTED ON MANY OCCASIONS TO ISRAELIS. WE WISH HIM LUCK. END FYI.

3. TRIGA FUEL. THE NRC STAFF FORWARDED THE ROMANIAN REQUEST TO THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION ON JUNE 29, ABOUT FOUR HOURS BEFORE AMBASSADOR

NICOLAE PAID A VISIT TO THE NRC. THE PROGNOSIS IS STILL
GUARDED. ONE COMMISSIONER WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY VOTE
AGAINST, ANOTHER HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS, AND TWO ARE
EXPECTED TO BE IN FAVOR. THE FIFTH, WHO MIGHT BE IN
FAVOR, IS NOT YET SWORN IN. THE DECISION COULD BE MADE
IN A FEW DAYS OR A FEW WEEKS. WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED. VANCE

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